This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A ~~common carrier~~ system comprising:

a plurality of entities registered with the system, each entity having a computer storage; and

a server at a second entity that is configured to receive ~~receives~~ information from said computer storage of said plurality of entities and provide ~~provides~~ a computer user interface for display on a ~~displayed on a~~ user's computer, said server configured to receive from a user ~~enable a user to create~~ an electronic booking request including information relating to the transport of a container, said information including at least one of a carrier name, departure date, departure time, departure location, arrival date, arrival time, arrival location, origin, and destination,

said server further configured to ~~to submit the electronic booking request to the server which transmits~~ transmit said electronic booking request to at least a first entity of said plurality of entities, wherein a rate has been agreed upon prior to the transmission ~~submission~~ of the electronic booking request, and to transmit confirmation of the

~~to receive confirmation of the~~ electronic booking request from said first entity ~~as transmitted from the server~~.

2.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is created from a template stored on the ~~common carrier~~ system, wherein the template was created by the user prior to the creation of the electronic booking request.

3.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is created from a previously drafted electronic booking stored on the ~~common carrier~~ system, wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was created by the user or any other user prior to the creation of the electronic booking request, and wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was selected from results of a search performed by the user.

4.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 3, wherein the previously drafted electronic booking was a confirmed electronic booking request that was confirmed by at least one of the plurality of entities registered with the system prior to the user or the any other

user creating the electronic booking request.

5. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein ~~the electronic booking request further includes information regarding~~ the container ~~is~~ being transported from an inland origin to a first vessel, the container ~~is~~ being loaded onto the first vessel, the container ~~is~~ being transported by the first vessel to a location, the container ~~is~~ being discharged from the first vessel, and the container ~~is~~ being delivered to a destination.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the user is a new customer of the first entity.

9-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~common carrier~~ system comprising:
a plurality of entities registered with the system, each entity having a computer storage; and
a server ~~that receives~~ configured to receive information from a computer storage of a first entity of said plurality of entities and ~~provides~~ provide a computer user interface for display ~~displayed~~ on a user's computer, the server configured to receive from a user ~~enable a user~~
~~to create~~ an electronic booking request including information relating to the transport of a container, said information including at least one of a carrier name, departure date, departure time, departure location, arrival date, arrival time, arrival location, origin, and destination,
said server further configured to transmit ~~to submit the electronic booking request to the server which transmits~~ said electronic booking request to at least the first entity, wherein a rate has been agreed upon prior to the transmission ~~submission~~ of the electronic booking request, and to transmit confirmation
~~to receive confirmation of~~ of the electronic booking request from the first entity ~~as transmitted from the server~~,
wherein the system, responsive to confirmation from the ~~registered~~ first entity to the user

and registered entity data, is configured to generate generates electronic event notification messages.

14.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 13, wherein the server is configured to receive receives an indication from the user that is used to determine when the system should notify the user of an event.

15.   (Original) The system according to claim 14, wherein the event is a non-event.

16.   (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 15, wherein the common carrier system is configured to notify notifies the user of the non-event after a predetermined time period has lapsed and the event has not occurred such that the server is configured to set the predetermined time period based on user designation. wherein the user determines the predetermined time period.

17-51. (Cancelled)

52.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request comprises a routing request.

53.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 52, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises routing information.

54.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface is further configured to receive enables the user to send shipping instructions from the user, said server further configured to send the shipping instructions combined with the booking request to the first entity.

55.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface is further configured to enable enables the user to receive a booking activity plan from the first entity.

56. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 55, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request further comprises a booking activity plan.

57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 55, wherein the booking activity plan further comprises transport modes, transhipment locations, and interim arrival and departure dates and times.

58. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic booking request is submitted usingincludes Extensible Markup Language (XML).

59. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the server is configured to receive the electronic booking request is submitted usingvia Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

60. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the server is configured to receive the electronic booking request is submitted using avia website.

61. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the server is configured to receive the electronic booking request is submitted usingvia electronic mail.

62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the server is configured to transmit confirmation of the electronic booking request is received byto the user via EDI.

63. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the server is configured to transmit confirmation of the electronic booking request is received byto the user via electronic mail.

64. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the server is configured to transmit confirmation of the electronic booking request such that the confirmation is configured to be displayed is received byto the user via a pop-up dialogue box.

65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the server is configured to

generate the electronic event notification messages using are generated using electronic mail.

66.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the server is configured to transmit electronic event notification messages that are displayed to the user via are generated using pop-up dialogue boxes.

67.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the server is configured to generate electronic event notification messages are generated using EDI.

68.   (Currently Amended) A common carrier system comprising:
        a first computer storage located at a first carrier registered with the system;
        a second computer storage located at a second carrier registered with the system; and
        a server that receives information from said first storage and said second storage, said server also configured to provide providing a computer user interface for display on a displayed on a user's computer, the server enabling a user to:
        submit configured to receive from a user an electronic booking request and to transmit to the server which transmits said request to at least one of the first and second carriers,
        said electronic booking request including information relating to the transport of a container, said information including at least one of a carrier name, departure date, departure time, departure location, arrival date, arrival time, arrival location, origin, and destination, wherein a rate has been agreed upon prior to the transmission submission of the electronic booking request,
        said server configured:
                to receive :submit aa routing request from the user and to transmit to the server which transmits said the routing request to at least one of the first and second carriers;
                to receive submit shipping instructions from the user and to transmit to the server which transmits said said instructions to at least one of the first and second carriers;
                to receive a confirmation of the electronic booking request from at least one of the first and second carriers and to transmit the confirmation to the user as transmitted from the server;
                to receive routing information from at least one of the first and second carriers

and to transmit the routing information to the user~~as transmitted from the server~~; and

to receive a booking activity plan from at least one of the first and second carriers and to transmit the booking activity plan to the user~~as transmitted from the server~~, wherein the booking activity plan ~~comprises~~ includes transport modes, transhipment locations, and interim arrival and departure dates and times.

69.   (Currently Amended) A ~~common carrier~~ system comprising:

a first storage located at a user registered with the system;

a second storage located at a carrier registered with the system; and

a server configured

to receive an electronic booking request sent from the first storage, said electronic booking request including information relating to the transport of a container, said information including at least one of a carrier name, departure date, departure time, departure location, arrival date, arrival time, arrival location, origin, and destination,

to store the electronic booking request,

to transmit information relating to said electronic booking request to the second storage, wherein the electronic booking request includes a request to transport one or more containers, wherein a rate for the transport of the container has been agreed upon prior to the transmission of the electronic booking request,

to receive information from said carrier relating to said request, and

to forward a message to said user based on said information received from said carrier regarding said request.

70.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the electronic booking request comprises an EDI message.

71.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the electronic booking request comprises an XML message.

72.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is configured to sent the electronic booking request to the second storage using EDI.

73.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the server receives a confirmation of the electronic booking request from the carrier as at least part of said information.

74.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 73, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises routing information.

75.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 73, wherein the confirmation of the electronic booking request comprises a carrier booking number.

76.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is further configured to receive a booking activity plan from the carrier and to use the booking activity plan to provide container tracking services to the user.

77.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 69, wherein the server is further configured to modify a booking after physical movement of the one or more containers has begun.

78.   (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said server forwards said request to at least said first entity of said plurality of entities.

79.   (Currently Amended) The ~~common carrier~~ system according to claim 13, wherein said server forwards said request to said at least first entity.

80.   (Currently Amended) The ~~common carrier~~ system according to claim 68, wherein said server forwards said request to said at least one of the first and second carriers.

81.   (Currently Amended) The ~~common carrier~~ system according to claim 69, wherein said server forwards said electronic booking request to said at least one of the first and second carriers.

82.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface further enables the user to send shipping instructions to the first entity through the server after the user has received confirmation of said booking request from the server.